

## Diary dates

- **23 & 24 May** Rutland Water weekend. Contact Julie Rust for more details. [julie\\_rust@msn.com](mailto:julie_rust@msn.com)
- **6 June** Open day
- **27 June** 50th birthday summer party—see page 5 for more!
- **28 June** Tripartite at Swarkestone Sailing Club
- **29 August** Family fun day
- **6 Nov** Bonfire night
- **12 Nov** AGM

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## New website launched

Attenborough Sailing Club has re-launched its website thanks to club member Emma Clayton.

Emma helped a small group of the committee (Nick Turnbull-Ross, Mike Pritchard and Julie Warren) turn the website into reality. The results can be found at [www.attenboroughhsc.org.uk](http://www.attenboroughhsc.org.uk)

A forum and members' area will be launched shortly so keep your eyes open for more details. It is hoped the new areas will be easier to use than the yahoo group and that it will help

members to keep in touch, arrange sailing times and crew as well as for more social chit chat.



## Max moves to sunnier sailing

ASC Dinghy Instructor Max celebrated his 18th birthday with confirmation of a summer job instructing on the Greek island of Kos with leading sailing holiday company, Mark Warner.

Max started sailing at the club at the age of 6 and qualified as an instructor in 2007, Max would like to thank all club members who have supported his sailing,



in particular, Senior Instructors Brian Dennis and his Dad - Keith.

Max leaves for Kos at the beginning of May.

We all wish Max well in his new job.

### Club Open Day

**Saturday 6 June, 11am—5pm**

Volunteers needed to help with the bar, BBQ and general organising on the day and in advance.

Contact [julie\\_rust@msn.com](mailto:julie_rust@msn.com)

## Do's and don'ts for safe sailing

It has been pointed out that there was inconsistency in the last Telltales regarding when members are allowed to sail outside of race times.

We'd like to confirm that the rules are as set out in the safety code in the handbook.

Please note Point 10 in particular reproduced below.

Even the most experienced sailors can encounter problems and it is important that there is someone around who can help if the need arises.

**10** Sailing is only permitted if there is on the water, or on the shore, a person capable of rendering assistance on the water to any sailor in difficulty. This person must have a first aid kit available.

### Spot the difference?

Like father, like son, Mike Pritchard and his son Robyn finish the tripartite race in similar style.

See page four for details of the race.

See page 5 for details of the club's 50th birthday celebration

## Sailing Courses

### **RYA Level 1 and 2 dinghy sailing courses**

Friday evening 4 and 11 September 19:00 until 21:30

Saturday 5 and 12 September 09:00 until 17:30

Sunday 6 and 13 September 09:15 until 12:30

Senior instructor Keith Brereton

Places available – cost £150

### **Youth scheme up to level 3**

Friday evening 3 and 10 July 19:00 until 21:30

Saturday 4 and 11 July 09:00 until 17:30

Sunday 5 and 12 July 09:15 until 12:30

Senior Instructor Brian Dennis

Places available – cost £75

Visit the website [www.attenboroughsc.org.uk](http://www.attenboroughsc.org.uk) to complete an application form and send your payments to Roger Day.

# Noticeboard

## Grass cutting

Summer's almost here and the grass is growing quickly.

The working parties slogged long and hard to get the site looking tidy and now it's your turn!

The club has equipment for keeping the grass and weeds under control. It is always helpful if you not only keep the grass short around and under your boat but occasionally help in mowing the remainder of the compound.

If you need some advice on where equipment is stored or how anything works please ask a member of the committee who will be more than happy to help.

A few minutes each month just to keep the grass looking tidy does make a huge difference to the appearance of the club.

All powerboat users are asked to refrain from going too fast in the vicinity of the visitor centre, except in an emergency.

If you have any ideas for articles which you would like to be included in a future issue of Telltales, please send them to [julierippon@hotmail.com](mailto:julierippon@hotmail.com)

[www.attenboroughsc.org.uk](http://www.attenboroughsc.org.uk)

## Everybody's got to learn sometime!

Paul Warren undertook his first race as the lead Officer on Duty (OOD1) last month.

Pleasant conditions meant there were a dozen or so boats out for a Wednesday evening race. Most were doing 10 minute laps and so with the lead boats crossing the gate again, it was decided they could get one more lap in before dark.

Unfortunately the wind, which had been dropping during the race, then fell away completely and we finished the race as the next boats crossed the line.

Four boats, which had just started another lap (and could have swum round faster) finished in the moonlight.

Needless to say no-one offered to buy Paul a beer in the clubhouse afterwards.

He's a quick learner though, Paul was OOD1 again the following week and all ran like clockwork!



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# Racing round-up

By Mike Pritchard



## Trent Tripartite

The first Trent Tripartite was held at Attenborough on Sunday 19 April. It is intended to run the event involving Attenborough, Nottingham and Trent Valley Sailing Clubs, each year, rotating the venue each time.

This year we couldn't have asked for better weather, light winds with sunny skies resulted in 32 boats being involved in the three race series. Good weather always helps but the club did look impressive and we have had excellent feedback from the visiting clubs. The racing was well organised by the OODs Steve Coupe and Jeremy Straw with Dennis and Mark Bell on rescue with our Social Secretary, Julie Rust, producing an excellent buffet for half-time.

On the water Attenborough did very well, demonstrating that for a club of our size we do have a good depth for club racing. The three races were won by different sailors, Mike Pritchard and Roger Day of Attenborough won the first two with Ben Richardson of Trent Valley easily winning the final race. For the individual race series there was a three way tie between Roger Day, Kevin Milton and Mike Pritchard of Attenborough with each winning a tankard.

There were also individual prizes for race winners and the first two from each club. These prizes were the exclusive Attenborough Sailing Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mugs. These limited edition collector's items (!) (see photo) will soon be on sale to members.

1<sup>st</sup> equal                    Roger Day, Kevin Milton, Mike Pritchard, ASC  
4<sup>th</sup>                             Ben Richardson, TVSC  
5<sup>th</sup>                             Paul Turner & Christine Marshall, TVSC

The club prize, a silver salver donated by Attenborough for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was won by the home club, quite easily in the end. The scores for the first four from each club in each race counted to the overall score and for Attenborough in addition to the individual winners, Brian Dennis and Robyn Pritchard were the other Attenborough scorers. The overall result is below:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Attenborough	50pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nottingham	101pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trent Valley	130pts

**Note** The Northern Tripartite involving ourselves, Swarkestone and Sutton-in-Ashfield sailing clubs takes place at Swarkestone on Sunday 28 June. I hope as many of you as possible can attend despite the committee (in its wisdom) holding the Anniversary Dinner the night before! (see next page).



## More boats took to the water for the snowdrop series

The first race series of the season came to a close on Sunday 26 April with 17 boats racing in light winds under a blue sky. After a windy start to the series the weather has improved as the series has progressed. The better weather may have helped increase numbers. This year 40 boats raced in the series compared to 28 in 2008, with average turnout of 15 this year compared to 10 last year

Racing on the water was dominated by Mike Pritchard who won nine of the 12 races - seven in his Laser and two in Roger Day's Phantom. Not surprisingly this meant Mike won the series overall from Kevin Milton who has quickly got to grips with his Phantom after many years in a Laser. Overall the standard of sailing is improving with

notable performances from Paul Warren and Nick Duffew.

### Final Results:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mike Pritchard	Laser	7.0pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kevin Milton	Phantom	16.0pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kevin Last	Supernova	26.0pts
4 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Dennis	Phantom	43.5pts
5 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Brereton	RS Vareo	44.5pts
6 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Warren	Fireball	45.0pts

Paul sailed with a variety of Fireball crews, most notably Julie Warren and Emma Clayton

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By Mike Pritchard

## Racing for Beginners

A Racing for Beginners informal training day was held on Saturday 25 April. Organised by Roger Day and Mike Pritchard, 15 people attended, spending over five hours listening to presentations and practising on the water. This was the first event of its type the club has run for some time and seemed to be successful with notable improvements in the sailing ability of all those involved as the day progressed. Special mention should be given to Andrea Murphy, Kevin Milton, Paul Warren and Nick Turnbull-Ross who spent much of the day sailing in boats or demonstrating techniques. The delegating skills of Roger and Mike ensured they stayed dry in the power boats!

The day demonstrated that, for members who have completed the RYA Level 1 and 2 sailing course, there are major benefits in having further ongoing training to help build confidence. Ultimately the club can only do so much with limited resources. I believe members who want to improve should consider attending a course, such as Improving Techniques, at a sea based training centre as this will enable you to try a variety of boats in most probably stronger winds thus building confidence.

In addition, Roger and I have discussed how we continue what we have started and for this season we will look at allocating a Friday each month as a day on which we will come down and offer advice.

The day also demonstrated how important boat set-up is. It is important that if you are new to sailing you ask one of our experienced members how to set up your boat.

## Summer Race Series 1—separate start lines for beginners

The Summer Series 1 races start on Sunday 10 May. This year the Sailing Committee has changed the format slightly to encourage those relatively new to sailing. Each race day, the first race will see the boats split into two separate fleets, Main and Rookie. The Rookie fleet is aimed at those who are relatively new to racing whilst the Main fleet will be for those who have sailed for some time. For many of you it will be clear which fleet you are in but ultimately the choice is yours.

The Main fleet will start first and the Rookie one, five minutes later. The aim is that for the latter group, starting will be easier, allowing confidence to be built up.

The second race each race day will be for Fast and Slow fleets. A slow boat will be those having a Portsmouth Yardstick handicap greater than 1083. This means that Phantoms, Lasers, Fireballs, Vareos, Supernovas and Larks are in the Fast fleet while everyone else, including Laser Radials and RS Visions in the Slow fleet. Again as many beginners are in the slower boats this should help build confidence at race starting.

## 50th birthday party

**Attenborough Sailing Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a summer party!**

The event (of the year) will take place on Saturday 27 June from 7.30pm 'til late. Members past and present and their families and friends are welcome.

Guests will enjoy a summer's evening of live music in a marquee on the banks of the nature reserve at the sailing club. A hog roast and BBQ (including vegetarian options) with all the trimmings is included.

Tickets cost £17.50 each and are available from Richard Wood, Kevin Last, Julie Rust, Nick Turnbull-Ross, Malcolm Davidson (at the Singer shop, Beeston) and Julie and Paul Warren.

Dress smart (no jeans, trainers or t-shirts!)

An extensive bar will be available (drinks not included in ticket price).

Ticket only event—buy early to avoid disappointment.